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**IN RE APPLICATION OF:
KURTH**

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**FOR: Method and Apparatus for
Insertion of Elongate
Instruments within a Body
Cavity**

Examiner: Serke

Group Art Unit: 3763

COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed Nov. 18, 2004, please consider the following comments.

The Examiner's statement of the reasons for allowance lists a number of grounds for allowance of multiple claims. As can readily be determined by inspection of the allowed claims, the Examiner's statement pertains variously to different ones of the enumerated allowed claims. It should not be understood that each and every enumerated claim should be construed according to each and every portion of the statement. Thus, the statement of the reasons for allowance actually comprises multiple statements, which Applicant believes the Examiner intended to separately apply to different ones of the claims even in the case where multiple claims are identified by textual or proximal juxtaposition to a statement or a portion of a statement.

Applicant respectfully requests advancement of the claims to allowance.

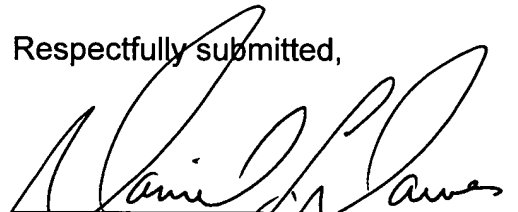
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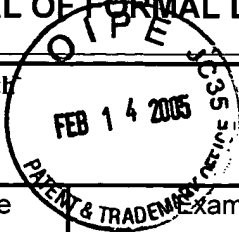
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Invention: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INSERTION OF ELONGATE INSTRUMENTS
WITHIN A BODY CAVITY**

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Transmitted herewith are:

3 sheets of formal drawing(s) for this application.

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